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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing state aid funding for special education
2 support services, media services, educational services,
3 area education agency professional development supplement,
4 and area education agency teacher salary supplement to
5 the applicable school districts, allowing area education
6 agencies and other organizations to bid to provide the
7 services the funding supports, and including applicability
8 provisions.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.35, subsection 1, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. ~~The~~ For school budget years ending prior to July 1,
4 2012, the department of management shall deduct the amounts
5 calculated for special education support services, media
6 services, area education agency teacher salary supplement
7 district cost, area education agency professional development
8 supplement district cost, and educational services for each
9 school district from the state aid due to the district pursuant
10 to this chapter and shall pay the amounts to the respective
11 area education agencies on a monthly basis from September 15
12 through June 15 during each school year. The department of
13 management shall notify each school district of the amount
14 of state aid deducted for these purposes and the balance of
15 state aid shall be paid to the district. If a district does
16 not qualify for state aid under this chapter in an amount
17 sufficient to cover its amount due to the area education agency
18 as calculated by the department of management, the school
19 district shall pay the deficiency to the area education agency
20 from other moneys received by the district, on a quarterly
21 basis during each school year.

22 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **257.35A Area education agencies —**
23 **state funding redirected.**

24 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
25 contrary, for school budget years beginning on and after
26 July 1, 2012, the state aid funding for special education
27 support services, media services, and educational services,
28 as calculated by this chapter, shall be paid directly to the
29 applicable school district.

30 2. A school district receiving funding under subsection 1
31 shall choose one of the following options:

32 a. A school district may provide its own special education
33 services, media services, and educational services, as those
34 services are described in chapter 273. However, the school
35 district shall not receive funding for its costs that exceeds

1 the amount determined under subsection 1, except for funds
2 received from another school district for providing special
3 education services, media services, or educational services to
4 such other school district.

5 *b.* A school district may solicit bids from organizations,
6 including other school districts and area education agencies,
7 to provide special education services, media services, and
8 educational services, as those services are described in
9 chapter 273. However, the school district soliciting bids
10 shall not receive funding for its costs that exceeds the amount
11 determined under subsection 1.

12 3. The department of education shall distribute the
13 appropriate amount of area education agency professional
14 development supplement and area education agency teacher salary
15 supplement funding to a school district if an area education
16 agency successfully bids to provide the services.

17 Sec. 3. Section 273.9, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 1. ~~School~~ For school budget years ending prior to July 1,
20 2012, school districts shall pay for the programs and services
21 provided through the area education agency and shall include
22 expenditures for the programs and services in their budgets, in
23 accordance with this section.

24 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **273.9A Funding from school districts**
25 **— state and local funds.**

26 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
27 contrary, for school budget years beginning on and after July
28 1, 2012, an area education agency or other organization shall
29 receive state aid funding for providing special education
30 support services, media services, and educational services
31 from the applicable school district. Area education agencies
32 and other organizations may submit bids for providing special
33 education support services, media services, and educational
34 services in a process to be determined by the department of
35 education by rule under chapter 17A.

